

Senate Resolution 744

By: Senator Smith of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. Bernard Neal on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Bernard Neal has been instrumental in the success of the Rome Area
3 History Museum since its opening in 1996; and
- 4 WHEREAS, serving as the first president of the museum's Board of Governors, Mr. Neal
5 kept the doors open with his tireless support and guidance, seeing this institution through
6 many difficult times and guiding it through the transition from volunteer to paid staff; and
- 7 WHEREAS, during the course of his invaluable service, Mr. Neal has dedicated his own time
8 and resources to the Rome Area History Museum and has used his masterful business skills
9 to raise funds and promote the museum; and
- 10 WHEREAS, thanks to a strategic plan Mr. Neal helped develop with museum staff member
11 Emily Saltino, the Rome Area History Museum recently secured a \$54,050 grant from the
12 Institute for Museum and Library Services; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in conjunction with his work for this museum, Mr. Neal served for seven years
14 as regional vice president for the Board of the Georgia Historical Society, and he has been
15 an avid supporter of Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home in Rome, the YMCA, the Rome
16 Area Council for the Arts, the Rome Area Heritage Foundation, the Rome Rotary Club, and
17 the Emory Board of Visitors; and
- 18 WHEREAS, due to Mr. Neal's vision and leadership, visitors and locals alike now have a
19 wonderful place to learn about and celebrate the rich history and culture of this vibrant area
20 of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, after nearly a decade of service to the Rome Area History Museum, Mr. Neal
2 has retired, and it is only fitting that he be appropriately recognized for his integral role in
3 making the museum the success that it is today.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 join in commending Mr. Bernard Neal for his outstanding contributions to Rome and to
6 Georgia and extend him the very best wishes for a happy retirement.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Bernard Neal.